

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillors D A Parker (Chairman in the Chair)
Mrs D S Allen
P Bates
G Baxendale
J S Crowther
Mrs A M Martin
Mrs J D Parry
N.T Price

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L D Barker, G R Edwards and G. P Hayes (Town Mayor).

Apologies were also received from Councillors D T Brown, D Murphy and G.S Williams who are not members of this particular committee.

2. **MINUTES**

THC/01/1314/RESOLVED- That the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllr G.Baxendale declared a non-pecuniary interest into any matters related to Cheshire East Council.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

There are no outstanding actions.

5. **LAND AT THE REAR OF THE TOWN HALL**

It was noted that a licence agreement for access to the rear of the Town Hall had been agreed with the owner of 5 High Street and a similar arrangement is now sought with the owner of 3 High Street.

THC/09/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman have discretion to conclude terms of the licence agreement with 3 High Street.

6. **TOWN HALL ROOF**

3 quotes to undertake repairs to the various small roofs in the Town hall were considered.

THC/10/1314 RESOLVED that A D Booth & Sons Ltd be appointed as the roofing contractor.

7. **TOWN HALL OFFICES TO RENT**

A report on advice about the current state of the market for rental of office accommodation in Congleton was considered.

THC/11/1314 RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

8. **AGREEMENT WITH POSH NOSH PARTIES**

Formal notice of interest to automatically renew the contract to provide catering in the Town Hall was submitted for consideration by Posh Nosh Parties Ltd.

THC/12/1314 RESOLVED that: -

1. The formal notice of renewal subject to agreement on terms be received.
2. A Task and Finish Group consisting of Cllrs D A Parker, Mrs D S Allen and Mrs J Parry be set up to consider appropriate terms.

9. **TOWN HALL CHARGES AND LETTING POLICY**

The Town Clerk presented a summary of hire charges used by various Town Councils for the hire of rooms. It was noted that Congleton Town Council is looking to increase use of room hire during the day, Monday to Friday.

THC/13/1314 RESOLVED that the report be received.

10. **CONGLETON MUSEUM**

Congleton Museum presented a report outlining their objective to expand the Museum by moving to and acquiring Bradshaw House.

THC/14/1314 RESOLVED that the report be received.

11. **BEARTOWN RADIO**

A request from Beartown Radio to rent the two rooms at the rear of the Town Hall was discussed.

THC/15/1314 RESOLVED that the application to rent the rooms be declined.

12. **TOWN HALL TRADING ACCOUNT**

The Town Hall Trading Account was presented to members for consideration.

THC/16/1314 RESOLVED that the Town Hall Trading Account be received.

13. **BUDGET 2014-15**

There were no proposals to include any items in the 2014-15 budget.

D A PARKER
(CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)